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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER  
OF HARRIS COUNTY

HARRIS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AUTOPSY REPORT

Case 73 - 3347

August 11, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY

OF

David William Hilligiest  
402 West 27th Street  
Houston, Texas

Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent, David William Hilligiest, came to his death as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation - Homicide.


It is our further opinion that the time of death was on or about May 29, 1971.

COMMENT: Initially, the clothing which Mr. Everett Waldrop positively identified as belonging to his sons, Donald Wayne and Jerry Lynn, were submitted with the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10. The amalgam filling in tooth number 30 matched the description furnished by him for Donald and since the other skeletal criteria also were consistent with the size and age of his two sons, the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10 were released to him and interred in Georgia.

Subsequently, during the continuing process of identification of other victims, the antemortem X-rays submitted

by Dr. Robert H. Shame were compared to the postmortem radiographs of the jaws of Unknowns #9 and #13. It was then determined that the skeletal remains of Unknown #9 were actually those of David William Hilligiest and Unknown #10 were those of Gregory Malley Winkle, Unknown #13 were those of Donald Wayne Waldrop, and Unknown #14 were those of Jerry Lynn Waldrop.

On September 7, 1973, the appropriate parties were informed of the misidentification. The necessary steps were initiated to exchange the respective skeletal remains. This was accomplished during the week of September 17, 1973.

  
Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

(See Cases 73-3332, 73-3333, 73-3334, 73-3335, 73-3336, 73-3337, 73-3338, 73-3339, 73-3348, 73-3349, 73-3350, 73-3353, 73-3354, 73-3355, 73-3356 and 73-3357)

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

David William Hilligiest  
402 West 27th Street  
Houston, Texas

**HISTORY:** The skeletal remains were discovered among seventeen bodies at 4500 Silverbell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas, between 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 1973, and 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973. These skeletal remains were found together with Unknown #10, in the center of Stall #11, at approximately 1:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973.

**AUTOPSY:** The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on August 11, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

**EXTERNAL APPEARANCE:** These remains consisted of a skull with dark brown hair with a maxilla attached and a separate mandible and a number of bones and soft tissues. Also present were a pair of white with black striped sneakers in the left sneaker of which there was the word "SANFORIZED". Beneath the word "SANFORIZED" appeared to be the word "PENNEY'S". The sneaker sole measured 11 inches in length. There was an attached portion of pelvis and two femurs, two ulnas, several vertebrae, two scapulae and a number of ribs. There was a blue stretch cotton sock with terrycloth-like finish. The right femur measured 16-1/2 inches in length. The left femur measured 16 inches in length. A portion of cord was wound around the neck area. X-rays did not disclose any bullets in the skeletal remains.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

Utilizing the Universal System, there was an occlusal amalgam in the upper left first molar, tooth 14. There was an anterior open bite, tooth 8 overlapped tooth 9 on the mesial. All third molars were in their crypts. Tooth 24 was crowded to the lingual, tooth 27 was rotated to the mesial-labial, tooth 25 was lapped over tooth 26.

At the request and in the presence of Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., on September 9, 1973, I compared the postmortem dental X-rays with the antemortem dental X-rays submitted by Dr. Robert H. Shame and demonstrated this to Mr. and Mrs. Hilligiest. I overlay the antemortem and postmortem jaw radiographs. The outline of the occlusal filling matched exactly on the antemortem and postmortem radiographs. The shape of the teeth, the root structure, the pulpal configurations also matched exactly. This was equivalent to the antemortem and postmortem negatives superimposed. They matched perfectly. Mr. and Mrs. Hilligiest accepted the fact that the remains were those of their son, David.

*Paul G. Stimson*

Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

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PAGE NO. ONE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

SER. No. D-68916

ME

LOCATION 4500 SILVER BELL

OFFENSE MURDER

CHANGED TO

COMPLAINANT DAVID HILLIGIEST WM 13

ADDRESS 402 W. 27th

PHONE 862-8988

SEX-RACE-AGE WM 13

REPORTED BY ELMER WAYNE HENLEY WM-17

ADDRESS 325 W. 27th

PHONE

TYPE PREMISES RENTAL STORAGE GARAGE

TIME OCCURRED

TIME RECEIVED 2:30PM, WED. Aug. 8, 1973

BY DET. D.R. JAMES

HOW PHONE

HOW-MEANS	OBJECT	TRD. MK.	DESCR.	CLEARED	DATE			
DISTRIBUTION	1 CASH	2 JEWELRY	3 BICYCLES	4 CLOTHING	5 MOTOR VEHICLE	6 MISCELLANEOUS	7 FURS	TOTAL
LOSS								
RECOVERY-DTL								

(DETAILS OF OFFENSE-SUSPECTS-PERSONS ARRESTED-PROPERTY)

NOTE: THIS WILL BE A COMPANION CASE TO CASES D-68904, WHICH WILL CONTAIN ALL DETAILS. OTHER COMPANION CASES WILL BE MURDER CASES D-68905 through D-68911 and cases D-68915 through D-68923.

This complainant was found in a grave in a rental storage garage at the above location this date 8-9-73. The complainant's identity is unknown at this time. For details known at this time See case #D-68904.

IDENTIFICATION OF COMPL. 9-10-73

Dr. Jachimezyk called this date and stated the above Compl had been identified as body number 9 which had been recovered in the boat stall.

OFFICERS D.R. JAMES D-547 L.L. EARLS D-576 N. NEUMAN D-461

(DO NOT TYPE BELOW THE SOLID LINE OR LIST PROPERTY ACROSS THE DOTTED LINE.)

EDITED CHANGED INDEXED BULLETIN PUNCHED

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Harris</b>			2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Harris</b>		
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Houston</b>			c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Houston</b>		
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>4500 Silverbell, Stall #11</b>			d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>402 West 27th St.</b>		
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>DAVID WILLIAM HILLIGIEST</b>			4. DATE OF DEATH <b>Found August 9, 1973</b>		
5. SEX <b>Male</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>July 30, 1957</b>			9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>16</b>		IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days Hours Minutes
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Student</b>			10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Public School</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Texas</b>
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U.S.A.</b>			13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Fred Hilligiest</b>		
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Dorothy C. Allen</b>			15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>No</b>		
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>-----</b>			17. INFORMANT <b>Fred Hilligiest (by phone)</b>		
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Asphyxia due to strangulation.</b> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. } DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____					INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)					19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) <b>Strangled.</b>		
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year <b>UNK found 8 9 73</b>			20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> <b>found #11</b>		
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>4500 Silverbell, Stall/</b>			20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE <b>Houston Harris Texas</b>		
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>found 8-9-73</b> to _____, 19____ and last saw the deceased alive on _____, 19____. Death occurred at _____, _____, _____ on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.					
22a. SIGNATURE <b>Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D.</b>			22b. ADDRESS <b>209 Courthouse Houston, Texas</b>		22c. DATE SIGNED <b>9-13-73</b>
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>			23b. DATE <b>September ,1973</b>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Forest Park West Cemetery</b>
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <b>Houston Texas</b>			24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>PAT H. FOLEY &amp; CO. - #4146</b>		
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR		25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

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